

making people laugh," said his sister Michelle.

The oldest of five children, 29-year-old Waters-Bey had been living in California with his wife of 11 months, Angela, who serves in the Navy. He also leaves behind a 10-year-old son from a previous marriage.

Maj Jay Thomas Aubin, Waterville, ME: An 18-year marine veteran, 36-year-old Maj Thomas Aubin was an instructor with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 in Yuma, AZ, before deploying for war with the Camp Pendleton force.

Aubin's hometown was Waterville, ME, where he was the first of 30 grandchildren in a family that has been in that State for generations.

"He was a very determined little boy," said his aunt, Kim Willette of Winslow, ME. "He had big dreams. He always wanted to fly planes and knew he was going to, just like his dad—a private pilot. Jay would fall asleep in the back of the Cessna."

"There's no way to soften the blow, his aunt said. "He prepared us for this all the time," she said. "But that doesn't make it any easier."

He is survived by his wife Rhonda and children Alicia, 10, and Nathan, 7.

SSgt James Cawley, Layton, UT: SSgt James Cawley, was a marine reservist and Salt Lake City police detective, was killed in a fire fight in Iraq Saturday.

"He could have been anything but he chose to be a soldier and an officer because of his strong beliefs," his family wrote in a prepared statement distributed by the police department Sunday.

Cawley leaves behind a wife, Miyuki, an 8-year-old son, Cecil, and a 6-year-old daughter, Keiko. He served for 12 years in the Marines, traveling around the world. He met his wife Miyuki in Okinawa, Japan, while serving there.

He also served a proselytizing mission with the Mormon Church in Fukuoka, Japan. "He knew that his life was not the end and that we will all be together again in a far greater place," the letter said.

Detective Mark Schuman, Cawley's partner on the Salt Lake City force for 18 months and one of his closest friends, had just received a letter from Cawley a few days ago. At the time of his writing, Cawley was in Kuwait, awaiting further instructions.

"He was a loyal and trusting friend, and he was an outstanding officer," Schuman said. "He was a very patriotic man, and he loved the Marine Corps, and he felt it was his duty to protect us and protect America."

As our troops move rapidly towards Baghdad, I continue to hope for a quick resolution to this conflict. I hope that the repressive regime of Saddam Hussein will soon collapse and the Iraqi people will be liberated. And I hope all of this can be done with as few casualties as possible, Iraqi, American and allied, civilian and military.

To those that have already fallen, we must never forget their sacrifice. They

have given their future for that of our Nation—and we as a nation owe them and the others that have fallen our eternal gratitude.

THE CRACKDOWN ON PRO-DEMOCRACY ADVOCATES IN CUBA

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, tomorrow marks the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King's life reminds Americans of our unyielding commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for all. The peaceful civil rights movement that Dr. King lives and died for serves as a model for the ideals America promotes worldwide.

Today, just 90 miles off the shores of the United States, a desperate dictator is 2 weeks into a Stalinist-style crackdown on his country's non-violent democratic movement and its leaders. One political prisoner, Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, has often been compared to Dr. King for his brave struggle to seek a non-violent transition to democracy in Cuba. The International Republican Institute (IRI), of which I am chairman, recently awarded Dr. Biscet with its Democracy's People Award for his courageous commitment to human rights, despite his imprisonment and the painful disease from which he suffers, and which remains untreated.

In a severe crackdown that demonstrates the true and brutal character of Cuba's dictatorship, the Castro regime has imprisoned over 80 independent journalists, human rights advocates, independent labor and pro-democracy activists, and supporters of the pro-democracy Varela project since March 18. Many of these activists are currently on trial. Dr. Biscet, who was arrested on December 6, 2002, while organizing a human rights discussion for International Human Rights Day, may be sentenced to life in prison and has apparently been threatened with the death penalty. The founder of the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights, which carries out educational campaigns to end the death penalty and forced abortions, Dr. Biscet was formerly imprisoned from 1999–2002. Dr. Biscet's wife, Elsa Morejon, had her house ransacked and her computer, phone, pictures and letters from her husband taken by the Cuba government.

Freedom-loving people everywhere condemn the use of the death penalty against peaceful political opponents of Castro's rule. Rather than threaten them with death, Fidel Castro should release all political prisoners in Cuba, which the State Department estimated to number between 230 and 300 before the current, massive crackdown.

The many brave Cubans who work and sacrifice every day for non-violent and democratic Cuba ask only that their fundamental human rights be respected. Although world attention is focused on Iraq, it is important that we not lose sight of the continued, aggressive repression of Cuba's democracy

and human rights activists. The United Nations Human Rights Commission is currently in Geneva preparing what I hope will be a strong and clear condemnation of these systematic violations of fundamental freedoms. It is imperative that the Cuban government be held accountable for this repressive crackdown.

One day soon, the political prisoners now held in Fidel's gulags will be celebrated as the voices of conscience that finally brought freedom and justice to Cuba after decades of brutal dictatorship. Castro and his regime cannot extinguish the flame of freedom and hope that burns in the hearts of Cubans, who will continue to peacefully seek liberty and justice—and will one day prevail.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, like so many of us in the Senate and the House, I try to get home as often as I can, not just because I miss the scenery, but because I would miss the opportunity to meet with my constituents as they share their perspective with me on the issues that concern them. I think of it as harvesting good old Wyoming common sense. After I get as much as I can, I bring it back with me to share with my colleagues.

One of my constituents, Mr. Wallace Ulrich of Moose, WY gave me a copy of his presentation on Operation Iraqi Freedom that he shared with two groups of High School students at Jackson Hole High School in Jackson, WY.

In his remarks, Wally addresses several issues about the conflict and his thoughts about them. To begin with, he correctly points out that no one is pro-war, but that responsible nations are occasionally called to step up and take action when a wrong cannot be solved or addressed through diplomatic measures.

Saddam Hussein created just such a situation when he failed to abide by the agreements signed by his government at the end of Operation Desert Storm and refused to fully comply with the terms of several United Nations resolutions. It was only when a long diplomatic effort failed to produce the necessary results that the United States had to ensure that Iraq was disarmed and no longer a threat to the peace loving world.

I hope all my colleagues will take a moment to read what Wally had to say to our young people in Jackson, WY. He has an interesting point of view and he presents his position well. I ask unanimous consent that his statement be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATEMENT BY MR. WALLACE ULRICH

Good Day.

And thank you for that kindness. Some of you know that I am also a ski patroller on Snow King—for the last thirty years—and you've even been kind to me up there!